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report concerning Soviet military activity at various locations in the Halle area between 25 June and 29 July 1958. The report chiefly gives information on observations of military vehicles, tanks and weapons, and it includes information on vehicle tracks observed at various locations and negative reports (no activity) at various locations. The report includes several sketches of vehicles and equipment, with explanatory notes in German (with English translation).

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MILITARYSoviet Military Activities in HALLE area(end June - end July 58)1. 25 JuneANGERSDORF 1720 hours

3 x AFVs, in general as shown in sketch No. 1, were seen in movement near the railway station. The number of bogie wheels could not be checked. The speed of the vehicles was higher than is usual with AFVs.

2. 26 JuneBRANDBERGE exercising ground 1800 hours

Fresh track marks of T-54s and of the AFVs mentioned in para 1 above were observed.

3. 27 JuneBetween BRANDBERGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF 1800 hours

No movement of significance.

4. 28 JuneBetween BRANDBERGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF 1500 hours

No movements of significance.

5. 30 JuneBetween BRANDBERGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF 1800 hours

No movements of significance.

6. 1 Julya) BRANDBERGE - HEIDE 1800 hours

No movement of significance.

b) ANGERSDORF 1900 hours

The following Soviet transport was being loaded:

about 10 x guns

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1 x tracked vehicle believed to be a YA-12

1 x covered trailer towed by the YA-12.

The breech portions of the guns were covered with tarpaulins and rose about 1.5 metres above the side walls of the flats. The length of the barrel was about 4 metres. The muzzles were covered with muzzle caps. See sketch No. 2. The prime mover and its trailer were loaded onto a 6-axled flat. See sketch 3.

c) BRANDBERGE

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Fresh track markings as shown in sketch No. 4 were seen between the BRANDBERGE and HALLE. These were shallow markings indicating a light rather than a heavy vehicle.

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7. 2 July

- a) Between BRANDBERGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF 1800 hours
No movement of significance.
- b) HEIDE - BOLLBERG road 1000 - 1300 hours
2200 - 2230 hours
No movement of significance.

8. 3 July 1800 hours

- a) Between BRANDBERGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN
No movements of significance.
- b) ANGERSDORF
8 x T-34s and 2 x T-34s without turrets were being loaded.
- c) HEIDE Kaserne old landing ground 2000 hours
Soviet troops were training in artificial smoke conditions. Several GAZ 63 trucks, rigged for cross-country work, with a winch on the radiator, arrived towing A/Tk guns, barrels about 3 metres in length and with muzzle brakes. The accompanying detachments unlimbered their guns and the GAZ 63s drove away. The gun crews carried out practice firing into the smoke. The GAZ 63s returned and the guns were driven away.

9. 5 July

Between BRANDBERGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF 1900 hours
No movement of significance.

10. July

In the "RÖPZIG - KORBETHA area no training could be carried out because of floods.

11. 7 July 1800 hours

- a) Between BRANDBERGE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF
No movements of significance.
- b) Between ANGERSDORF and KORBETHA, and ANGERSDORF and HEIDE Kaserne BS 8201
Fresh AFV track markings were observed as shown in sketch No. 5.

12. 8 July

- a) BRANDBERGE 1600 hours
6 x T-34/76 and 1 x SU 100 were observed.
- b) ANGERSDORF Station
No activity.

13. 9 July

- a) BRANDBERGE 1800 hours
6 x T-34/76 were observed.
- b) HALLE Town 2200 hours
In THALMANNPLATZ, and moving in the direction of AMMENDORF,

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24 x ZIS 151 [] carrying pontoons resting on off-loading skids, in general as shown in sketch No. 6, were accompanied by 3 x 6x6 wheeled amphibians.

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14. 10 July 1800 hoursa) BRANDBERGE

No activity.

b) ANGERSDORF Station

1 x T-34/76 and 1 x SU 100 were standing at the station.

15. 11 Julya) BRANDBERGE 1800 hours

No activity of significance.

b) ANGERSDORF Station 2000 hours

No activity.

16. 12 Julya) BRANDBERGE - ANGERSDORF road 1500 hours

No activity of significance.

b) HALLE 1700 hours

Fresh AFV track markings were visible between TEALAMMPLATZ and DAMASCHKESTRASSE. These tracks were very deep which seemed to indicate an exceptionally heavy AFV. See sketch No. 7.

17. 14 JulyBRANDBERGE 1800 hours

No activity.

18. 15 Julya) BRANDBERGE 1800 hours

No activity.

b) ANGERSDORF - NIETLEBEN road 2000 hours

No activity.

19. Track marks as shown in sketch No. 8, seen earlier in the HALLE area, have not been seen during the month of July.

20. 16 Julya) BRANDBERGE 1000 hours

3 x T-34/76 were carrying out exercises.

b) Between ANGERSDORF and the HEIDE Kaserne 1700 hours

Fresh track markings of the same type as noted in para. 16 b) above were observed. The track width was 25 cm.

21. 18 JulyHEIDE Kaserne - BOLLBERG road 2100 - 2200 hours

No activity.

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22. 19 July

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a) MERSEBURG 1600 hours

3 x tracked prime movers (6 bogie wheels) were moving between the airfield and the artillery barracks. See sketch No. 9.

b) BRANDBERGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF 1700 hours

No movement of interest.

23. 21 Julya) HEIDE - ANGERSDORF road 1800 hours

No activity.

b) HEIDE - BÖLLBERG road

No movements.

24. 22 JulyBetween HEIDE Kaserne and ANGERSDORF 1800 hours

Fresh track markings of T-54s were seen.

25. 23 JulyHEIDE Kaserne - ANGERSDORF road 1800 hours

2 x APC 6x6 BTR-152s were seen.

26. 24 Julya) BRANDBERGE

Fresh track markings of T-54s and T-34s were seen.

b) ANGERSDORF Station

No activity.

27. 25 JulyHEIDE - BÖLLBERG road 2100 - 2200 hours

No activity.

28. 26 JulyHEIDE - BRANDBERGE - ANGERSDORF 1600 hours

No movement.

29. 21 - 26 July

During this week there was a fair amount of armour brought from ANGERSDORF station to the HEIDE Kaserne.

30. 28 JulyANGERSDORF Station 2000 hours

5 x T-54 tanks from the HEIDE Kaserne were being loaded.

On the road between the HEIDE Kaserne and ANGERSDORF the following transport was seen moving towards ANGERSDORF:

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1 x amphibious jeep
14 x tracked amphibians, see sketch No. 10.
1 x ZIS 151 workshop truck
1 x GAZ 63
1 x staff car with officers.

31. 29 JulyBetween BRANDBURGE, HEIDE, NIETLEBEN and ANGERSDORF

No movements.

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32. 29 July - 1 August

Military traffic police were in exceptional strength along the roads and crossings in the HALLE and MERSEBURG area.

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During July there has been considerable movement [redacted] carrying 3 fuel drums mounted crosswise on the platform. The drums appeared to be about 1 metre in diameter and have a length approximately the same as the width of the [redacted] platform.

34. New Soviet insignia observed in HALLE area.

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Shoulder-boards, in general as shown in sketch No. 11, have recently been observed in HALLE.

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Sketch no. 1.

Fahrtrichtung
Direction of movement

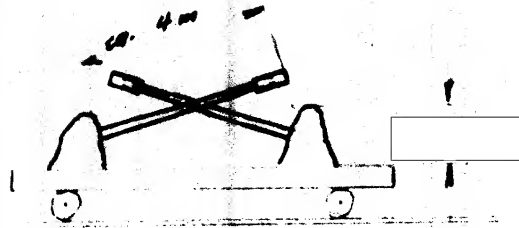


Track marks

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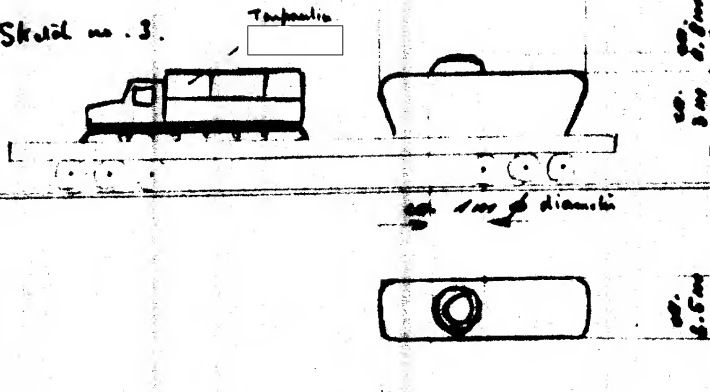
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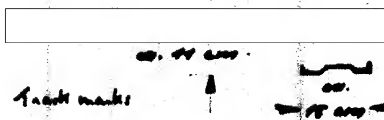


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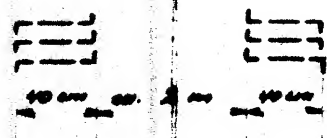
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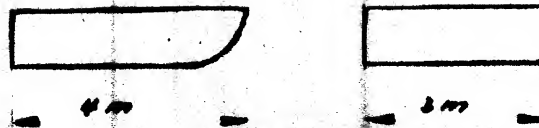
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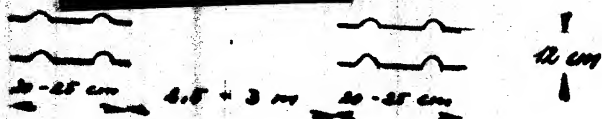
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Track marks



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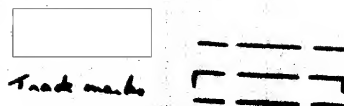
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Track marks



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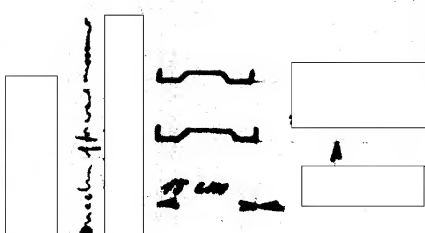
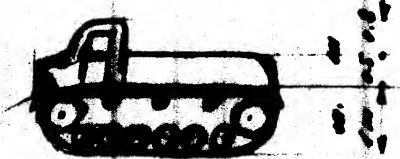
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Sketch no 9.

20. 4m

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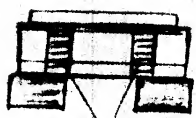
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Sketch no 10



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2 motor badden in rear

Sketch no 11.



Olivegreen ground

Red stripes

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Stripes and badges were mostly of polished brass, but badly worn and faded in olive green unpainted.